News from the East-Indies.

THE Committee of the *East-India* Company and their Abettors having made ſo great a noiſe on the *Exchange* laſt Week, of the advantageous Peace they had obtain'd of the *Great Mogul*, by which the *Notional Stock* was raiſed from 112. to 150. *per Cent.* And it being declared at the *East-India* Houſe, That the Articles by the new *Phirmaund* (or *Patent*) ſhould be Printed for General Satisfaction; It was with great Earneſtneſs expected; in hopes it would appear for the Honour and Advantage of the *Engliſh* Nation. But in lieu thereof, there only appears in the *Mondays* Gazette a ſimple Intimation, *That a Peace is made, and that we enjoy the ſame, yea and greater Privileges than formerly.*

Now, That the Nation may be fully informed of the true State of the Matter, and that Widows and other honeſt and well-meaning Perſons, Strangers to the Management of the Company's Affairs may not be miſled, and for the general Good and Service of all; An Exact Copy of the *Phirmaund* for the Bay of *Bengale*, which is one of the principal Ports in the *Mogul's* Dommions, is here preſented; as the Tranſlation is ſent to the Company from *Surrat* in the following Words.

[*'Tis directed to* Ibrahim Chaune, *who is one of the* Mogul's *great* Governours, *Dated the* 27th. *of* April, *in the* 33d. *Year of his Reign.*]

IBRAHIM CHAUNE,

KNow this, *That the Good Fortune of the* Engliſh *hath directed them the Right way to end their Faults, they are ſorry and aſhamed for what they have done, therefore have ſent their Vakeels* [Factors] *to our noble Court, with a Petition for a gracious* Phirmaund *to pardon their Faults; which the King, out of his great Favour and Mercy, always ready to pardon, doth freely forgive them; therefore his clear and unſpotted Order is ſuch, which you are to obſerve as you do his that you pray to, That ſo ſoon as this gracious* Phirmaund *reaches your hands, you ſuffer no body in your Juriſdiction to moleſt, hurt, or hinder the* Engliſh Nation *in their Buſineſs, but ſuffer them to carry it on in the ſame manner as formerly. This underſtand, and act accordingly.*

THis is the Inſtrument that ſtands upon Record in the Court of that Great Prince, to the Eternal Infamy of the *Engliſh* Nation; as the Effect of our moſt unjuſt and unaccountable War, whereby not only the Honour of the *Engliſh* (before in the higheſt Eſteem,) but the Intereſt of the Company in particular, hath ſuffered an Immenſe, and irreparable Damage; tho ſome few Managers) by unwarrantable and indirect Means, have gain'd prodigious Eſtates. For, as to the Nation and Company, after the loſs of ſix years Trade, and the deſtruction of many conſiderable Ships, and the death of many hundreds of our beſt Seamen: The Condition on which we are now re-admitted to Trade, is, That full Reſtitution be made to the *Mogul's* Subjects for all the Ships and Goods the Company have taken, according to the Accounts which ſhall be given in by the *Crannies* [or *Purſers*] of the Ships taken by the *Engliſh*; And tho we cannot yet tell the certain Sum which muſt be made good, We may ſhrewdly gheſs at it from the Evidence given in the Cauſe now depending

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ing between Their Majesties and the Company, on account of those Prizes, wherein a great number of Witnesses have deposed to the value of above One Million Sterling; Besides which, they are likewise indebted in *India*, at no small Interest, above Three hundred thousand Pounds more, and no less a Sum here at Home, on Bond, and for Freight and Demurrage; Whilst all their Stock in *England* will not extend to discharge their late made Dividend; nor all their Effects abroad, to load home one Third of the Shipping, now in *India*, besides the great Sums they owe to those Ships for their Service and Demurrage; which is not only manifest by the Liberty and Encouragement they give to private Men to return their particular Estates on those Bottoms, but especially by the general Letter which accompanied the *Phirmaund*, written to the Company by their Factors at *Surrat*, whereby they earnestly press for a large and speedy Supply to support and carry on the Trade.

In consideration of these exorbitant Impositions on the Nation, and from a true Affection to their Country, there are some Gentlemen and Merchants who have long applied their Thoughts to the restoring this so considerable a Trade, and in order thereto are prepared to lay before our Honourable Representatives in Parliament at their next Session, a clear and ample Account by what ways and means the Credit and Interest of the *English* Nation in *India*, hath been reduc'd to so miserable a Condition, and in the interim they hope it may not be an unacceptable Service to the Publick, That they offer this brief Advertisement for Caution against the presumptuous Impositions of daring and arbitrary Men, who have of late Years encreased their Estates by the Ruin of their Fellow-Subjects, and have been the Instruments of this great Dishonour and Detriment to their Country.

London, May 12. 1691.